INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. <u>99V-274</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: October 8, 1999

MANUFACTURER: Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Charles D. Powell, Recall Administrator

FAX: (336) 393-2009

SUBJECT: 59 Volvo Trucks 1999 WAH Class 8 beavy duty trucks manufactured from March 17 through August 13, 1999. The trailer cable receptacle at the back of the cab does not contain a circuit for continuous power for the trailer ABS system. This does not comply with the requirements of FMYSS No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." (Volvo Truck Recall No. RVXX9906).

This is an <u>initial</u> acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner natification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during October/November 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226 or by FAX (202) 366-7882 Recall Analysis Division



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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Charles D. Powell, Recall Administrator Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. 7900 National Service Rd. (27409) P. O. Box 26115 Greensboro, NC 27402-6115 OCT 22 ESS

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Dar Mr. Powell:

We have reviewed Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.'s (Volvo Trucks) Noncompliance Information Report dated June 28 and subsequent information dated October 8, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 59 Volvo Trucks 1999 WAH Class 8 heavy duty trucks manufactured from March 17 through August 13, 1999. The trailer cable receptacle at the back of the cab does not contain a circuit for continuous power for he trailer ABS system. This does not comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 99V-274 (Volvo Truck Recall No. RVXX9906).

Volvo Truck is responsible for the remedy of these buses from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership. You should know that the agency provides a listing of safety recalls to the media at the end of each month. This recall may be a part of that listing.

Additional Information Required

In order for us to complete our file on this recall, please submit a draft owner notification letter for review prior to mailing.

Please provide this information, referencing the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration's identification codes on page 1 of this letter, to this office by **December 22**, 1999.

Ouarterly Status Reports

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Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Volvo Trucks to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins) to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), whether or not such defect is safety related. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief Recall Analysis Division Office of Defects Investigation